

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Automated Purchasing System**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

Application Priority

Provisional

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) of any provisional application(s) listed below:

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Power of Attorney

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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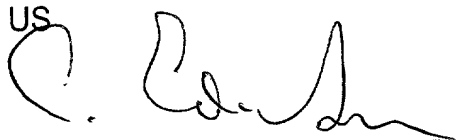
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